

COUNTRY DATA: GREECE

: Information from the CIA World Factbook

INTRODUCTION

Greece achieved independence from the Ottoman Empire in 1829. During the second half of the 19th century and the first half of the 20th century, it gradually added neighboring islands and territories, most with Greek-speaking populations. In World War II, Greece was first invaded by Italy (1940) and subsequently occupied by Germany (1941-44); fighting endured in a protracted civil war between supporters of the king and Communist rebels. Following the latter's defeat in 1949, Greece joined NATO in 1952. In 1967, a group of military officers seized power, establishing a military dictatorship that suspended many political liberties and forced the king to flee the country. In 1974, democratic elections and a referendum created a parliamentary republic and abolished the monarchy. In 1981, Greece joined the EC (now the EU); it became the 12th member of the European Economic and Monetary Union in 2001. In 2010, the prospect of a Greek default on its euro-denominated debt created severe strains within the EMU and raised the question of whether a member country might voluntarily leave the common currency or be removed.

GEOGRAPHY

Location	Southern Europe, bordering the Aegean Sea, Ionian Sea, and the Mediterranean Sea, between Albania and Turkey
Area	131,957 sq km
Climate	temperate; mild, wet winters; hot, dry summers
Natural Resources	lignite, petroleum, iron ore, bauxite, lead, zinc, nickel, magnesite, marble, salt, hydropower potential
Total Renewable Water Resources	72 cu km (2005)
Freshwater Withdrawal	total: 8.7 cu km/yr (16%/3%/81%) per capita: 782 cu m/yr (1997)
Natural Hazards	severe earthquakes volcanism: Santorini (elev. 367 m, 1,204 ft) has been deemed a "Decade Volcano" by the International Association of Volcanology and Chemistry of the Earth's Interior, worthy of study due to its explosive history and close proximity to human populations; although there have been very few eruptions in recent centuries, Methana and Nisyros in the Aegean are classified as historically active

Environmental Issues	air pollution; water pollution
PEOPLE	
Population	10,749,943 (July 2010 est.)
Ethnic Groups	population: Greek 93%, other (foreign citizens) 7% (2001 census) <i>note:</i> percents represent citizenship, since Greece does not collect data on ethnicity
Religions	Greek Orthodox 98%, Muslim 1.3%, other 0.7%
Languages	Greek 99% (official), other 1% (includes English and French)
Literacy Rate	96%
Major Infectious Diseases	HIV/AIDS - people living with HIV/AIDS: 11,000 (2007 est.)
GOVERNMENT	
Type	parliamentary republic
Independence	1829 (from the Ottoman Empire)
Constitution	11 June 1975; amended March 1986 and April 2001
Legal System	based on codified Roman law; judiciary divided into civil, criminal, and administrative courts; accepts compulsory ICJ jurisdiction with reservations
ECONOMY	
Agricultural Products	wheat, corn, barley, sugar beets, olives, tomatoes, wine, tobacco, potatoes; beef, dairy products
Industries	tourism, food and tobacco processing, textiles, chemicals, metal products; mining, petroleum
Import commodities	Germany 13.73%, Italy 12.71%, China 7.08%, France 6.1%, Netherlands 6.02%, South Korea 5.68%, Belgium 4.34%, Spain 4.08% (2009)
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Export Commodities	Food and beverages, manufactured goods, petroleum products, chemicals, textiles
Export Partners	Germany 11.11%, Italy 11.05%, Cyprus 7.28%, Bulgaria 6.74%, US 4.95%, UK 4.4%, Turkey 4.23% (2009)
Per Capita GDP	\$31,000 (2009 est.)

Population below poverty line	20% (2009 est.)
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General	
Life Expectancy at Birth (in years)	79.7 years
Average number of years in School (in years)	10.5 years
Gross National Income Per Capita (In US Dollars)	\$27,580
Gender Inequality	
Female Seats in Parliament (%)	14.7%
Population with at least a Secondary Education Female (% Of 25 and older)	64.4%
Population with at least a Secondary Education Male (% Of 25 and older)	72%
Labor Force Participation Female (%)	55.4%
Labor Force Participation Male (%)	79%
Births Attended by Skilled Health Professionals (%)	NA
Poverty	
Population surviving on \$1.25 per day (%)	NA
Empowerment	
Number of Journalists Imprisoned	0
Corruption Victims (% of people who face a bribe situation in the last year)	15%
Political Engagement (% percent of people who voiced opinion to public officials)	16%

Sustainability	
Fossil Fuels as Primary Energy Source (%)	94%
Renewable Resources as Primary Energy Source (%)	5%
Population without Access to Water (%)	0%
Population Without Access to Sanitation Services (%)	2%
Population affected by natural disasters (% between 2000-2009)	.02%
Human Security	
Number of Refugees leaving this country	100
Number of Internally Displaced People in This Country	NA
Prevalence of Undernourishment (%)	<5%
Demographics	
Urban Residents (% of total Population)	61.4%
Health	
HIV Prevalence in Female Youth (% ages 15-24)	.1%
HIV Prevalence in Male Youth (% ages 15-24)	.2%
HIV Prevalence in Adults (% ages 15-49)	.2%
Other	
Official Development Assistance Per Capita (in US dollars)	NA
Population without Electricity (%)	NA

Greece's Public Expenditure

